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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNGA, CY
SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

1. GOC FONOFF DIRGEN PELAGHIAS VISITED ME AT NOON LOCAL TIME (1000 ZULU) NOV 19. HE HAD BEEN MEETING ALL MORNING WITH CYPRUS RED CROSS PRESIDENT SOULIOTI AND NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS, AT THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS/NATIONAL COUNCIL WHICH HAD CONVENED THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON, TO DRAFT GOC POSITION OF WORKING PAPER #3, REV. 3 (TEXT AS IN USUN 4789). PELAGHIAS GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING PARA BY PARA RUNDOWN, SAYING FULL TEXT OF GOC POSITION WOULD BE CABLED TO CYPRUS UN MISSION.

--PARA 1 ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED IT IS ASSURED THAT THE THIRD, ICRC MEMBER WILL BE A FULL VOTING MEMBER.

--PARA 2: DECISION BY MAJORITY IN EVENT OF NO CONSENSUS MUST BE SPELLED OUT. IT CANNOT BE INFERRED.

--PARA 3: DELETE "OR INDIRECTLY" IN SECOND SENTENCE.
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INCLUSION WOULD RULE OUT PARTICIPATION BY SOMEONE IN ALMOST ANY HUMANITARINA ORGANIZATION.

--PARAS 4 AND 8: SEQUENCE IN BOTH PARAS IS "UNACCEPTABLE, UNREASONABLE AND UNFAIR". IN PARA 4, ICRC CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY GREEK CYPRIOT. IN PARA 8, FIRST CASE SHOULD BE PRESENTED BY GREEK SIDE. SINGULAR OF "CASE" SHOULD BE USED FOR

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BOTH SIDES.

--PARA 5 ACCEPTABLE.

--PARA6: UNHINDERED MOVEMENT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.
GIVEN FACT TURKS HAD EARLIER SOUGHT TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE ABOUT
"SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS", GOC FEARS TURKS WILL RAISE
PROBLEMS ABOUT MILITARY ZONES, ETC. THEREFORE, LANGUAGE MUST
BE UNEQUIVOCAL. PARA MUST BE REDRAFTED AS FOLLOWS: "ALL PARTIES
CONCERNED SHALL ENSURE UNHINDERED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND INQUIRY
TO THE COMMITTEE THROUGHTOUT CYPRUS."

PARA 7: DELETE "BUT" TO END OF SENTENCE. THIS CLAUSE WOULD
ALLOW TURKS TO AVAOID INVESTIGATION OF GENUINE MISSING PERSONS
CASES ON PRETEXT THAT THEY HAD BEEN RELATED TO THE COUP.
BESIDES, THERE ARE NO MISSING PERSONS FROM THE COUP NOT AC-
COUNTED FOR. FINALLY, IT IS "POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO HIGH-
LIGHT FIGHTING BETWEEN GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS".

--PARA 9: DELETE SECOND SENTENCE. AS PARA IS PRESENTLY
WORDED IT WOULD GIVE BOTH SIDES THE POWER TO TERMINATE THE
INVESTIGATION BY LEAKS TO PRESS.

--PARAS 10 AND 11 ACCEPTABLE.

--PARA 12 TO BE ELIMINATED. EXHUMATION IS ESSENTIAL BUT
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WORKING PAPER DOES NOT HAVE TO SO SPECIFY. COMMITTEE SHALL
HAVE THIS RIGHT AT ITS DISCRETION.

--PARA 13 ACCEPTABLE.

--PARA 14: "WORKING PAPER MUST BE STYLED AS AN AGREEMENT AND
INCORPORATED INTO A RESOLUTION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE ADOPTED
WITHOUT DEBATE AND SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPED BY UNGA WITH THE AGREEMENT
OF TURKEY." INVESTIGATION MUST EXTEND TO THE TURKISH MAINLAND.
GOT MUST COMMIT ITSELF TO SYG TO COOPERATE IN THIS RESPECT.

2. PELAGHIAS NOTED THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE PLEASED WITH
GOC POSITION BUT IT HAD BEEN ADOPTED AFTER THE MOST CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION AND IN THE DESIRE TO ENSURE THAT THERE WERE NO
LOOPHOLES WHICH WOULD PERMIT TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND TURKEY TO
BLOCK A FULL, IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION. I SAID GOC ASSUMPTION
WAS RIGHT ON THE MARK. GOC POSITION MADE IT QUITE OBVIOUS THAT
ITS INTEREST IS IN RHETORIC, PROPAGANDA AND A THIRD COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION, NOT IN PRACTICAL MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE ANGUISH OF
FAMILIES OF THE MISSING.
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